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**OFFICIAL STANDARDS OF THE UNITED STATES FOR  
 GRADES OF WOOL AND WOOL TOP AND RULES AND  
 REGULATIONS FOR DISTRIBUTION OF PRACTICAL  
 FORMS OF WOOL AND WOOL TOP STANDARDS UNDER  
 WOOL STANDARDS ACT OF MAY 17, 1928**

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**PUBLIC NOTICE PROMULGATING OFFICIAL STANDARDS OF THE  
 UNITED STATES FOR GRADES OF WOOL AND WOOL TOP UNDER  
 THE UNITED STATES WOOL STANDARDS ACT OF MAY 17, 1928**

Pursuant to authority vested in the Secretary of Agriculture by the act of Congress entitled "An act to authorize the appropriation for use by the Secretary of Agriculture of certain funds for wool standards and for other purposes," approved on May 17, 1928 (45 Stat. 593), I, Arthur M. Hyde, Secretary of Agriculture, do hereby order:

That the following official standards of the United States for grades of wool and wool top, promulgated on June 18, 1926, in Service and Regulatory Announcements No. 100, under authority of the United States warehouse act of August 11, 1916 (39 Stat. 486), amended July 24, 1919, February 23, 1923, shall become and be effective on and after September 1, 1931, for the purposes of the said act of May 17, 1928:

**OFFICIAL STANDARDS OF THE UNITED STATES FOR GRADES OF  
 WOOL AND WOOL TOP**

For the purposes of these standards:

SECTION 1. Grade 80's, or fine.

(a) 80's shall be wool which in diameter of fiber is not greater than the sample marked "80's" of a series of samples in the custody of the United States Department of Agriculture in the District of Columbia in a container marked "Original official standards of the United States for grades of wool."

(b) 80's shall also be wool top which in diameter of fiber is not greater than the sample marked "80's" of a series of samples in the custody of the United States Department of Agriculture in the District of Columbia in a container marked "Original official standards of the United States for grades of wool top."

SEC. 2. Grade 70's, or fine.

(a) 70's shall be wool which in diameter of fiber is greater than the sample marked "80's" but not greater than the sample marked "70's" of a series of samples in the custody of the United States Department of Agriculture in the District of Columbia in a container marked "Original official standards of the United States for grades of wool."

(b) 70's shall also be wool top which in diameter of fiber is greater than the sample marked "80's" but not greater than the sample marked "70's" of a series of samples in the custody of the United States Department of Agriculture in the District of Columbia in a container marked "Original official standards of the United States for grades of wool top."

SEC. 3. Grade 64's, or fine.

(a) 64's shall be wool which in diameter of fiber is greater than the sample marked "70's" but not greater than the sample marked "64's" of a series of samples in the custody of the United States Department of Agriculture in the District of Columbia in a container marked "Original official standards of the United States for grades of wool."

(b) 64's shall also be wool top which in diameter of fiber is greater than the sample marked "70's" but not greater than the samples marked "64's" of a series of samples in the custody of the United States Department of Agriculture in the District of Columbia in a container marked "Original official standards of the United States for grades of wool top."

SEC. 4. Grade 60's, or one-half blood.

(a) 60's shall be wool which in diameter of fiber is greater than the sample marked "64's" but not greater than the sample marked "60's" of a series of samples in the custody of the United States Department of Agriculture in the District of Columbia in a container marked "Original official standards of the United States for grades of wool."

(b) 60's shall also be wool top which in diameter of fiber is greater than the sample marked "64's" but not greater than the sample marked "60's" of a series of samples in the custody of the United States Department of Agriculture in the District of Columbia in a container marked "Original official standards of the United States for grades of wool top."

SEC. 5. Grade 58's, or one-half blood.

(a) 58's shall be wool which in diameter of fiber is greater than the sample marked "60's" but not greater than the sample marked "58's" of a series of samples in the custody of the United States Department of Agriculture in the District of Columbia in a container marked "Original official standards of the United States for grades of wool."

(b) 58's shall also be wool top, which in diameter of fiber is greater than the sample marked "60's" but not greater than the sample marked "58's" of a series of samples in the custody of the United States Department of Agriculture in the District of Columbia in a container marked "Original official standards of the United States for grades of wool top."

SEC. 6. Grade 56's, or three-eighths blood.

(a) 56's shall be wool which in diameter of fiber is greater than the sample marked "58's" but not greater than the sample marked "56's" of a series of samples in the custody of the United States Department of Agriculture in the District of Columbia in a container marked "Original official standards of the United States for grades of wool."

(b) 56's shall also be wool top which in diameter of fiber is greater than the sample marked "58's" but not greater than the sample marked "56's" of a series of samples in the custody of the United States Department of Agriculture in the District of Columbia in a container marked "Original official standards of the United States for grades of wool top."

SEC. 7. Grade 50's, or one-fourth blood.

(a) 50's shall be wool which in diameter of fiber is greater than the sample marked "56's" but not greater than the sample marked "50's" of a series of samples in the custody of the United States Department of Agriculture in the District of Columbia in a container marked "Original official standards of the United States for grades of wool."

(b) 50's shall also be wool top which in diameter of fiber is greater than the sample marked "56's" but not greater than the sample marked "50's" of a series of samples in the custody of the United States Department of Agriculture in the District of Columbia in a container marked "Original official standards of the United States for grades of wool top."



SEC. 8. Grade 48's, or one-fourth blood.

(a) 48's shall be wool which in diameter of fiber is greater than the sample marked "50's" but not greater than the sample marked "48's" of a series of samples in the custody of the United States Department of Agriculture in the District of Columbia in a container marked "Original official standards of the United States for grades of wool."

(b) 48's shall also be wool top which in diameter of fiber is greater than the sample marked "50's" but not greater than the sample marked "48's" of a series of samples in the custody of the United States Department of Agriculture in the District of Columbia in a container marked "Original official standards of the United States for grades of wool top."

SEC. 9. Grade 46's, or low one-fourth blood.

(a) 46's shall be wool which in diameter of fiber is greater than the sample marked "48's" but not greater than the sample marked "46's" of a series of samples in the custody of the United States Department of Agriculture in the District of Columbia in a container marked "Original official standards of the United States for grades of wool."

(b) 46's shall also be wool top which in diameter of fiber is greater than the sample marked "48's" but not greater than the sample marked "46's" of a series of samples in the custody of the United States Department of Agriculture in the District of Columbia in a container marked "Original official standards of the United States for grades of wool top."

SEC. 10. Grade 44's, or common.

(a) 44's shall be wool which in diameter of fiber is greater than the sample marked "46's" but not greater than the sample marked "44's" of a series of samples in the custody of the United States Department of Agriculture in the District of Columbia in a container marked "Original official standards of the United States for grades of wool."

(b) 44's shall also be wool top which in diameter of fiber is greater than the sample marked "46's" but not greater than the sample marked "44's" of a series of samples in the custody of the United States Department of Agriculture in the District of Columbia in a container marked "Original official standards of the United States for grades of wool top."

SEC. 11. Grade 40's, or braid.

(a) 40's shall be wool which in diameter of fiber is greater than the sample marked "44's" but not greater than the sample marked "40's" of a series of samples in the custody of the United States Department of Agriculture in the District of Columbia in a container marked "Original official standards of the United States for grades of wool."

(b) 40's shall also be wool top which in diameter of fiber is greater than the sample marked "44's" but not greater than the sample marked "40's" of a series of samples in the custody of the United States Department of Agriculture in the District of Columbia in a container marked "Original official standards of the United States for grades of wool top."

SEC. 12. Grade 36's, or braid.

(a) 36's shall be wool which in diameter of fiber is greater than the sample marked "40's" but not greater than the sample marked "36's" of a series of samples in the custody of the United States Department of Agriculture in the District of Columbia in a container marked "Original official standards of the United States for grades of wool."

(b) 36's shall also be wool top which in diameter of fiber is greater than the sample marked "40's" but not greater than the sample marked "36's" of a series of samples in the custody of the United States Department of Agriculture in the District of Columbia in a container marked "Original official standards of the United States for grades of wool top."

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the Department of Agriculture to be affixed in the city of Washington this 29th day of August, 1931.



*Arthur W. Hyde*

Secretary of Agriculture.

**PUBLIC NOTICE PROMULGATING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR  
THE DISTRIBUTION OF PRACTICAL FORMS OF WOOL AND WOOL  
TOP STANDARDS UNDER THE UNITED STATES WOOL STAND-  
ARDS ACT OF MAY 17, 1928**

Pursuant to authority vested in the Secretary of Agriculture by the act of Congress entitled "An act to authorize the appropriation for use by the Secretary of Agriculture of certain funds for wool standards, and for other purposes," approved on May 17, 1928, (45 Stat. 593), I, Arthur M. Hyde, Secretary of Agriculture, do hereby order that the following rules and regulations for the distribution of practical forms of wool standards shall become and be effective on and after September 1, 1931, for the purposes of said act of May 17, 1928:

**SECTION 1. Paragraph 1.** Practical forms of the official standards of the United States for grades of wool and wool top enumerated in this paragraph, each certified under the seal of the United States Department of Agriculture and under the signature of the Secretary of Agriculture, thereto affixed by himself or by some other official or employee of the department thereunto duly authorized by him, will be furnished to any person requesting the same, upon prepayment of the cost thereof (except as noted in sec. 2) as determined by the Secretary, subject to the other conditions of this section:

Official standards of the United States for grades of wool, complete, 12 grades.

Official standards of the United States for grades of wool, partial, 7 grades.

Official standards of the United States for grades of wool top, complete, 12 grades.

**Par. 2.** Each application for practical forms of the official wool or wool top standards shall be upon a blank furnished or approved by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, shall be signed by the applicant, and (except as noted in sec. 2) shall be accompanied by certified check, draft, post-office money order, or express money order, payable to the "Disbursing Clerk, U. S. Department of Agriculture," in an amount sufficient to cover the cost of the forms requested, as indicated in section 3. Each application shall have incorporated therein the following conditions:

(a) That the practical forms shall not be considered or used as representing the official standards after date of cancellation, nor after the expiration of 24 months following the date of certification, unless renewed.

(b) That the said forms shall be subject to inspection on any business day, between the hours of 9 a. m. and 4 p. m., by the Secretary of Agriculture, or by any officer or agent of the Department of Agriculture authorized either by him or by the Chief of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

(c) That the signature of the Secretary, certifying to such practical forms, the seal of the Department of Agriculture, or the date of expiration, may be canceled if it is found upon such inspection that the said forms for any reason are not representative of the official standards.

**SEC. 2. Paragraph 1.** Practical forms of the official wool or wool top standards may be issued without charge to universities, colleges, or other educational institutions of the several States, cooperating with the department in extension work, provided that not more than two sets of the practical forms may be issued without charge to any one institution.

**Par. 2.** Practical forms of the official wool standards (partial) may be issued without charge to county agricultural agents, upon application approved by the director of extension.

**Par. 3.** Practical forms of the official wool standards (partial) may be issued without charge to instructors of vocational agriculture upon application approved by the supervisor for vocational agriculture and upon a satisfactory showing that the practical forms can be used advantageously.

**Par. 4.** Practical forms of the official wool and wool top standards may be issued, in the discretion of the Chief of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, without charge to governmental and semigovernmental agencies, and to institutions cooperating with the Department of Agriculture whose interest in wool grades and wool standardization warrants such action.

**SEC. 3. Paragraph 1.** The cost of the practical forms of the official wool and wool top standards for shipment within the continental United States shall be as follows, f. o. b., Washington, D. C.:

Official standards of the United States for grades of wool, complete, 12 grades, \$10.

Official standards of the United States for grades of wool, partial, 7 grades, \$5.

Official standards of the United States for grades of wool top, complete, 12 grades, \$10.

For shipment outside the continental United States the cost of the forms shall be \$12, \$7, and \$12, respectively, delivered to destination.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the Department of Agriculture to be affixed in the city of Washington this 29th day of August, 1931.



*Arthur C. Hyde*

Secretary of Agriculture.

### TEXT OF THE ACT

[45 Stat. 593—70th Congress]

AN ACT To authorize the appropriation for use by the Secretary of Agriculture of certain funds for wool standards, and for other purposes

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That there is hereby authorized to be appropriated for expenditure by the Secretary of Agriculture, for the purposes hereinafter stated, all funds heretofore or hereafter collected by suit, or otherwise, pursuant to appropriations for the completion of the work of the domestic wool section of the War Industries Board, and for enforcing Government regulations for handling the wool clip of 1918 as established by the wool division of said board, pursuant to the Executive order dated December 31, 1918, transferring such work to the Bureau of Markets, now a part of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics of the Department of Agriculture, and for continuing as far as practicable the distribution among the growers of the wool clip of 1918 of all sums heretofore or hereafter collected or recovered with or without suit by the Government from all persons, firms, or corporations which handled any part of the wool clip of 1918, which he finds it impracticable to distribute among said growers, provided that not to exceed \$50,000 may be expended in any fiscal year.

SEC. 2. Said funds may be used for the purpose of acquiring and diffusing among the people of the United States useful information relative to the standardization, grading, preparation for market, marketing, utilization, transportation, handling, and distribution of wool, and of approved methods and practices relative thereto, including the demonstration and promotion of the use of grades for wool in accordance with standards therefor which the Secretary of Agriculture is hereby authorized to establish. Said funds may be used for the grading of wool, and for such grading or other service rendered hereunder reasonable fees may be charged, and provided further that hereafter reasonable charges may be made for practical forms of grades for wool.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of Agriculture may make such rules and regulations as he deems advisable for carrying out any of the provisions of this act. All receipts hereunder shall be deposited in the Treasury to the credit of miscellaneous receipts.

Approved, May 17, 1928.







